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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" The Board has been examining the question and nothing will be lost. No emphasis is necessary."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :— " పోరంబోకు భూములు బీదలు సాగుచేశారనేటటువంటి అభిప్రాయంతో ఎంతోమందికి penalties వేయడము, ఇటువంటి భూములు పెద్ద పెద్దవాళ్లకు ధనికులకు ఇచ్చివేయడము ప్రభుత్వము యొక్క పద్ధతియా? పోరంబోకు భూములవిషయములో ఎంత మందికి ఎన్నివిధాలుగా పెనాల్టీలు వేస్తున్నారో ప్రభుత్వానికి తెలుసునా?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKEVELU NAICKER:—" As the hon. Member knows the lands that are encroached upon are only porambokes which are used for grazing, threshing and drainage purposes."

Contract carriage permits to motor vehicles.

* 354 *Q.*—JANAB M. S. MOGRAL: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state why motor vehicles are not granted contract carriage permits in spite of their applying for them?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" The number of contract carriages for each district is fixed by the Regional Transport Authority with the approval of the Chairman, Central Road Traffic Board (or Transport Commissioner). Applications for permits for contract carriages are entertained if there are vacancies and they are disposed of according to rules. Permits for contract carriages cannot always be granted whenever applications are presented."

JANAB M. S. MOGRAL:—" May I know, Sir, why applications for permits for contract carriages cannot be granted?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" Because, Sir, sections 50 and 51-A make it incumbent on the authorities to see if the existing facilities are enough. Those already in possession of permits must also be consulted and the Police authorities and the local authorities must also be consulted as to whether contract carriages are sufficient or are in excess of the needs of the region."

Supply of electricity to Rajampet taluk.

* 355 *Q.*—SRI P. NARASIMHA REDDY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) at what stage the extension of electricity (Tungabhadra Line) to Rajampet taluk (Cuddapah district) is; and

(*b*) how long it will take to supply electricity for agricultural purposes in that taluk?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—" (*a*) Surveying work for the transmission line is being conducted and it is expected to be completed during the current year.

" (*b*) Two years, subject to availability of funds."